Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta the import and export of Sugar during the last five financial years are as under:—

Quantity (in tons)

| S.No. | Financial Year | Imports | Exports |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1994-95 | 17,65.440 | 39,350 |
| 2. | 1995-96 | 1,50,632 | 4,34,320 |
| 3. | 1996-97 | 2131 | 6,67,274 |
| 4. | 1997-98 | 3,46,905 | 1,73,282 |
| 5. | 1998-99(P) | 8,57.691 (P) | 11,290 (P) |

(P): Provisional SOURCE: DGCIS-CALCUTTA, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

**Foodgrains off-take**

3668. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister Of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of PDS foodgrains off-take in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise, with separate break-up for APL and BPL categories;

(b) the corresponding buffer-stock;

(c) the price in each category available to PDS consumers, State-wise;

(d) the commercial cost of unit foodgrains price for retail PDS consumers, showing break-up of procurement, carrying and storage costs;

(e) the projected off-take in PDS State-wise taking into account increased retail price and higher quota allocation for BPL for 2000-2001;

(f) the projected buffer-stock for 2000-2001; and

(g) the projected increase in expenditure for carrying and storage of the increase in buffer-stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The year-wise, State-wise offtake of food grains in PDS for APL and BPL categories in the last 3 years are given in Annexure *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 90]

(b)The stock position of wheat and rice in central pool vis-a-vis minimum buffer norms as on 1st April of the last three years are given in Annexure *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 90].

(c) Issue prices State-wise to PDS consumers are given in Annexure *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 90].

(d) The various components of commercial cost (Economic Cost) of Food Corporation of India for wheat and rice during 1998-99 are as under:— RE. (Rate:Rs/QtI.)

| COMPONENTS | WHEAT | RICE |
|---|---|---|
| Pooled cost of grains | 507.12 | 787.70 |
| Procurement incidental | 110.08 | 65.50 |
| (Pooled for paddy & rice) | 16.87 | |
| Carryover charges paid to State agencies | | |
| Acquisition cost | 634.07 | 853.20 |
| Distribution Cost | 163.09 | 173.47 |
| Economic Cost | 797.16 | 1026.67 |

(e) There has been a change in the price structure and allocation of rice and wheat to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from April, 2000. It is too early to project the State-wise offtake of food grains under T.P.D.S. at this stage.

(0 Buffer Stock level are not projected as they are fixed for the Ninth Plan period as given under:

(In lakh tonnes)

| As on | Rice | Wheat | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st April | 118.00 | 40.00 | 158.00 |
| 1st July | 100.00 | 143.00 | 243.00 |
| 1st October | 65.00 | 116.00 | 181.00 |
| 1st January | 84.00 | 84.00 | 168.00 |

(g) The total estimate of expenditure assessed by Food Corporation of India for carrying and storage of buffer stock projected for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 2131 crores.